BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-241-C - ORDER NO. 98-92

FEBRUARY 5, 1998

IN RE: South Carolina Telephone Association,

Complainant,

vs.

VoiceMagic, Inc.,

Respondent.

ORDER RULING
ON MOTIONS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on two Motions filed on behalf of VoiceMagic, Inc. (VoiceMagic) in this Docket. Responses to both Motions have been received from the South Carolina Telephone Association (SCTA).

The first Motion is for a night hearing in this matter. At this time, we will consider this matter, and will take it under advisement. The Motion for Night Hearing is therefore held in abeyance at this time.

The second Motion is a Motion to Strike portions of SCTA witness M.E. Clement's prefiled testimony in this Docket.

VoiceMagic alleges that Clement's testimony requests relief above and beyond that relief originally requested in the SCTA letter complaint, and seeks relief for which there is no legal basis.

The return of SCTA denies that the relief requested by Clement is beyond that originally requested, and that on the contrary, this Commission has broad authority under Chapter 3, Title 15 of the South Carolina Code and under Regulation 103-623 to grant the requested relief. We agree with SCTA.

We think that Clement's testimony lays out specifically what was only described generally in SCTA's original letter. We also believe that our authority under the statutes and regulations is broad enough to grant the relief outlined by Clement, although, at this time, we take no position as to whether that relief should be granted until we hear all of the evidence in the case. Therefore, the Motion to Strike is denied.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Deputy

Executive Director